Cellular Phones in trains

2248. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are utilising cellular phones in all trains to prevent accident and robberies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Cellular phones are not being utilised in trains to prevent accidents and robberies. At present continuous cellular coverage is not available along the track and as such it will not be possible to use cellular phones for this purpose.

Transport of mangoes in A.P.

2249. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide more rakes, to transport mangoes from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed for proper preservation of fruits in cold storages, etc. to boost export, so that fruits are not damaged in railway godowns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Every year, during the mango season, transportation of mangoes from Andhra Pradesh is being done on top priority. During this mango season from April 2001 to June 2001, 43 rakes of mango special trains were run from Vizianagaram to Naya Azadpur and 2 special trains (NMG rakes) from Vizianagaram to Kolkata, Similarly, 39 rakes of mango special trains were run from Nuzvid, Falaknuma and Vijayawada to Naya Azadpur as per the demands of the merchants. The demands were fully complied with.